

GERMANY WILL DISAVOW SINKING OF SUSSEX, PUNISH CAPTAIN AND OFFER REPARATION

VILLA TRYING TO FORCE RECRUITS INTO HIS RANKS

Mexican People Not Yet
Rallying to Bandit
Leader.

PREPARING TO RESIST
AMERICAN COLUNES

His Men Are Feeling Pinch of
Hunger, as They Retire
Southward.

NO REAL TEST OF STRENGTH

Constitutionalist Troops Appear to
Be Co-Operating With
Americans.

Attempting to Drive
Bandit Into Corner

CASAS GRANDES, CHIHUAHUA,
MEXICO, March 27.—Villa is flying
southward toward the foothills of
the Sierra. According to reports
received here today, the
rapidity of his flight is hastening
the American pursuit. All arms of
the service are being used in an
effort to force the bandit to a cor-
ner.

The Mexican residents of this sec-
tion, which has been ravaged time
and time again by Villa bandits, are
freely giving information concern-
ing Villa's flight, supplies, armament
and strength to the American
military authorities.

Although the United States troops
are following closely in his wake,
so far, it is stated, no fighting has
taken place.

AN EXPEDITION IN MEXICO.
COLONIA, DUBLIN, March 27.—(Via
airplane to Columbus, N. M.)—
Evidence that Pancho Villa is pre-
paring to resist the American pur-
suing columns, and that the Mexi-
can people are not as yet rally-
ing to him, has been collected by the
officers and scouts of the American
troops who have ridden over the
various fronts in the State of
Chihuahua, where Villa fled when the
expedition crossed the border, have
found numerous indications that Villa
miscalculated completely when he pre-
dicted that his Columbus raid would
cause a general uprising against
Americans.

The status of the chase today is that
Villa is retreating continually southward,
trying to force recruits into his ranks.
His men are feeling the pinch of
hunger, and are hoping for an early
summer to shield against the cold of
the mountains, where they have re-
treated somewhere south of Namiquipa.

The question of overshadowing im-
portance is:
"Will Villa continue to prepare for
resistance?"

It is frankly hoped that he will, for
that is considered the best chance
of bringing the American expedition to
an early successful conclusion. If
Villa refuses to make any resistance,
it may require months to crush him.

VILLA FAILS TO INFLAME
SENTIMENT AGAINST U. S.

An officer who had passed where
Villa had passed within a week found
to all appearances the bandit had
failed to inflame sentiment against
Americans.

"These rural people," said the officer,
"are in ignorance of any reliable facts
about the nature of the American ex-
pedition. They have been told that the
Americans are a ravaging army; that
they must fight for their lives. The
majority seemed to be quite credulous."
"They appeared to be waiting—with
some suspicion, it is true—but, never-
theless, waiting before making up their
minds. This waiting I took to be a
hopeful sign. It was like going into
villages where the inhabitants regard
one with open suspicion."

For two weeks reports along Villa's
trail show he had forced recruits in
his band. His custom has been to line
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Had Studio With Waite



Mrs. Margaret Horton, beautiful
young contralto singer, wife of Harry
Mack Horton, is the woman who oc-
cupied studio with accused young
dentist in the Hotel Plaza. She ad-
mits being with him when he pur-
chased virulent germs.

Virulent Disease Germs Purchased by Dr. Waite

Obtained Live Typhoid and Diphe-
theria Cultures From Cornell
Medical School Laboratory.

OTHERS MAY BE IMPLICATED

Grand Jury is Asked to Delay Re-
turning Indictment Pending De-
velopment of New Evidence—Will
Analyze Peck's Vital Organs.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Virulent
disease germs were purchased by Dr.
Arthur Warren Waite, under arrest
here on the charge of poisoning his
millionaire father-in-law, John E.
Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., accord-
ing to evidence District Attorney Ed-
ward Swann said he obtained today.

William Waite, of the Cornell Medi-
cal School laboratory, Mr. Swann as-
serted, told him that between Decem-
ber 17 and March 8 Waite obtained live
cultures of typhoid, diphtheria and
other diseases, the young dentist de-
claring he was a physician, and was
experimenting on cats. Peck died on
March 12 and his wife six weeks
earlier, both at Waite's home here.

Three days before Peck died, Waite
purchased arsenic, he told the district
attorney. Autopsies on the body of
Peck disclosed substantially the same
quantity of arsenic that Waite pur-
chased on March 8.

TO MAKE ANALYSIS
OF PECK'S VITAL ORGANS

Analysis of Peck's vital organs, Mr.
Swann said, will be made, to learn if
they show presence of germs similar
to those purchased by Waite.

Mrs. Margaret Horton, who said she
shared a "studio" with Waite here, was
identified by Waite as having been
with Waite on several occasions when
he purchased germs, and she recog-
nized Waite as the clerk who sold them.
Dr. Waite told her, she in-
formed Mr. Swann, that he was much
interested in bacteriological research
work, and when he had put the germs
under a microscope she could see them
"wiggle."

Authorities are considering
whether to investigate the death of
Mrs. Peck, whose illness was similar
to that of her husband. Mrs. Peck's
body was cremated, but Mr. Swann
said he may order an analysis of the ashes.

A trained nurse who attended Mrs.
Peck has made a statement, Mr. Swann
said, that on the evening of January
29 she was virtually ordered out of
the house, although she urged Waite
to allow her to remain, as she believed
Mrs. Peck's condition was critical.
Mrs. Peck died early the next morning.

The district attorney said today
new evidence indicated that Waite was
associated with other persons, and the
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ESCAPED CONVICT AGAIN IN PRISON

After Thirteen Years of Free-
dom, Bouldin Must Serve
Out Old Term.

CAUGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Sheriff Slate Puts \$1,865 in Bank
Until Prisoner's Term
Is Up.

LABORING under the delusion for the
past thirteen years that he was im-
mune so long as he stayed without
the confines of the State of Virginia,
C. W. Bouldin had a somewhat sud-
den awakening last night when at 12:20
o'clock he was met by a guard from
the State Penitentiary at Main Street
Station and carried back to that in-
stitution to serve ten more years for
a crime which he committed in 1895.

Still suffering from many cuts and
abrasions on his head, Bouldin was
sullen as Sheriff W. C. Slate of Stokes
County, N. C., turned his prisoner over
to the guard, who received him quietly
and at once started towards the peni-
tentiary. The thirteen years of free-
dom had been sweet to Bouldin, and he
was not re-entreated and placed under
control until a terrific fight had been
waged with Sheriff Slate and his first
deputy, E. O. Shelton, both 200-pound
men, from the mountains of North
Carolina.

Before the train was about to carry
Sheriff Slate back home last night he
told the story of the crime, escape and
capture of Bouldin. The big blonde
Tartan sheriff was resting easily in his
fullman berth. He was tired, and ad-
mitted it, but readily agreed to tell
all he knew of the prisoner, who has
eluded all pursuers since 1903, when
he escaped from the Virginia prison
farm.

MORTGAGED HIS FARM
TO PAY HIS LAWYERS

It was in 1895 that Bouldin, a noted
"bad man" of Stokes County, N. C.,
and Patrick County, Va., was charged
with shooting a man named Nugent on
the North Carolina side of the line.
Nugent later died in Patrick County,
Va., and for some reason, Bouldin was
tried on this side of the line.

After a somewhat sensational trial,
Bouldin was cleared of the charge. He
was unable to meet the notes on his
payments to the attorneys who de-
fended him, and in course of time his
property was sold. It is said that he
became angered at the one who pur-
chased his property, and in revenge
burned the buildings situated upon
them.

He was at length arrested and tried,
and upon conviction of arson was sen-
tenced to eighteen years in the peni-
tentiary. This occurred some time in
the latter part of 1895, and in 1903,
after he had served eight years of his
term, Bouldin escaped from the State
Farm, and has since that time roamed
practically all over the United States.

FINALLY WENT BACK
TO HIS OLD HAUNTS

That "something," however, which it
is said always brings the criminal back
home brought Bouldin back to Stokes
County, N. C., last fall. He was work-
ing on the farm of his cousin by mar-
riage, Perry Dillon, in the Smithtown
section of Stokes County.

Smithtown section is one of the darkest
spots in the Old North State. There
have been blockades there for many
years, and more than one revenue
officer has been shot to death in this
section. Sheriff Slate admitted last
night that "they occasionally make
a run there yet."

The sheriff was asked to tell the
story of the arrest, which he did, say-
ing:
"Well, when we definitely learned
from Major James B. Wood, Superin-
tendent of the Virginia Penitentiary,
that this was the man wanted, and we
learned from neighbors that he
had never finished his term, though he
said he had, we decided we didn't want
such characters in our county. He
seemed to think that as long as he
stayed out of Virginia he was safe. I
had passed him time after time on the
roadway, but never thought that he
was a bad character, and would gladly
have gotten rid of him if I could."

POUNCE SHERIFF AND
DEPUTY LIKE WILD CAT

"Finally, on last Monday we went in,
about an hour by sun, to his home, or
rather into the home of Perry Dillon,
who married his cousin, to arrest him.
I walked in quietly and asked him to
consider himself under arrest. He
sprang up and came to his feet with
his chair in his hands. I suppose he
would have struck me with it, but we
grappled, and I beat him over the head
with my pistol."

When asked if he put up much of a
fight, Sheriff Slate replied:

"Like a wild cat!"
The sheriff stated that not until he
and his deputy, E. O. Shelton, had
beaten the prisoner almost unconscious
would he submit to arrest. When asked
how much they weighed, the sheriff
stated he weighed 208 pounds, that the
deputy weighed 202 pounds and that
the prisoner weighed 190 pounds. Sher-
iff Slate is thirty-four years of age,
and a powerful man.
The arrest occurred on last Monday,
and the prisoner was not returned to
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GERMAN TRENCHES WON BY BRITISH

Forces Storm and Occupy First
and Second Lines on 600-
Yard Front.

ALSO BLOW UP 100 YARDS

Bombardment Again Becomes
Intense North and North-
east of Verdun.

British and Germans have been fight-
ing fiercely in the region of St. Eloi,
just south of Ypres, five miles north
of Arras, and the British, through the
explosion of a big mine and by infan-
try exchanges, have captured or de-
stroyed a portion of the German
trenches.

A British force stormed and took
first and second-line trenches along a
line of 600 yards, London reports of-
ficially, and the German trenches in
this region were blown up to an extent
of 100 yards.

Again the bombardment has become
intense north and northeast of Ver-
dun, and the big guns also have been
active in the Woëvre region, south-
east of the fortress. The time seem-
ingly is not ripe, however, for an in-
fantry attack, and the men of both
sides have lain idle in their trenches,
awaiting the moment for attack and
counterattack.

The Germans, after a period of com-
parative quiet, have again begun shell-
ing Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and
Cunieres, west of the Meuse, and are
keeping up with increasing volume
their bombardment of the French po-
sitions in the region of Vaux and
Douaumont, which have been stumbling-
blocks for several weeks in their at-
tempts to gain ground north of Ver-
dun.

FRENCH SHELLS FALLING
ON GERMANS IN ARGONNE

French shells are falling on the
German positions in the Argonne and
northeast of the St. Mihiel sector.

The Germans obstinately are resist-
ing the Russian attacks between
Divinsk and Vilna, but the Russians
have captured two lines of their
trenches northwest of Postavy. Twenty
bombs have been dropped by German
airmen on the town of Divinsk.

In the Black Sea littoral the Rus-
sians still are making progress against
the Turks. In the operations between
the Italians and Austrians in the
Gorizia region the Austrians have cap-
tured an Italian position on Podgora
heights.

Two more vessels have been sunk
by German submarines, the most im-
portant of them being the British
steamer Manchester Engineer, bound
from Philadelphia for Manchester. Her
crew was rescued.

BRITISH WIN TRENCHES
ON 600-YARD LINE

LONDON, March 27.—"The British
infantry stormed to-day and took first
and second-line German trenches along
a front of 600 yards at St. Eloi," says
the British official communication is-
sued this evening.

The statement follows:
"This morning, after exploding
mines, the North Cumberland Fusiliers
assaulted the Germans at St. Eloi, tak-
ing first and second-line trenches on
a front of some 600 yards. Heavy
casualties are known to have been
caused to the enemy. Two officers and
168 men were taken prisoner."

"The artillery activity to-day has
been mainly confined to the neighbor-
hood of Angres, Wulverghem, St. Eloi
and Welltje."

"Last night and to-day there has
been much mining activity. At La
Boiselle, we successfully exploded a
mine. To the south of Neuville-St.
Vast, and near Hohenloren, redoubt-
ers have been crater-fighting, in
which we were successful."

"Opposite Hulluch, the enemy ex-
ploded mines last night, damaging our
trenches and causing some casualties.
We are established on the crater
formed by the explosion."

BERLIN, March 27 (via London).—
More than 100 yards of German trenches
near St. Eloi have been blown up by
the British. German army headquar-
ters announced to-day.

West Prussian regiments were suc-
cessful in recapturing the artillery ob-
servation positions lost by the Ger-
mans on March 20 near Mokrzyce, near
Narocz Lake, on the Russian front, to-
day's announcement also states.

The statement reads:
"Western theater: By an extensive
mine explosion early this morning the
British damaged our position near St.
Eloi, south of Ypres. More than 100
yards of trenches were blown up.
Casualties were caused among the com-
pans occupying the position."

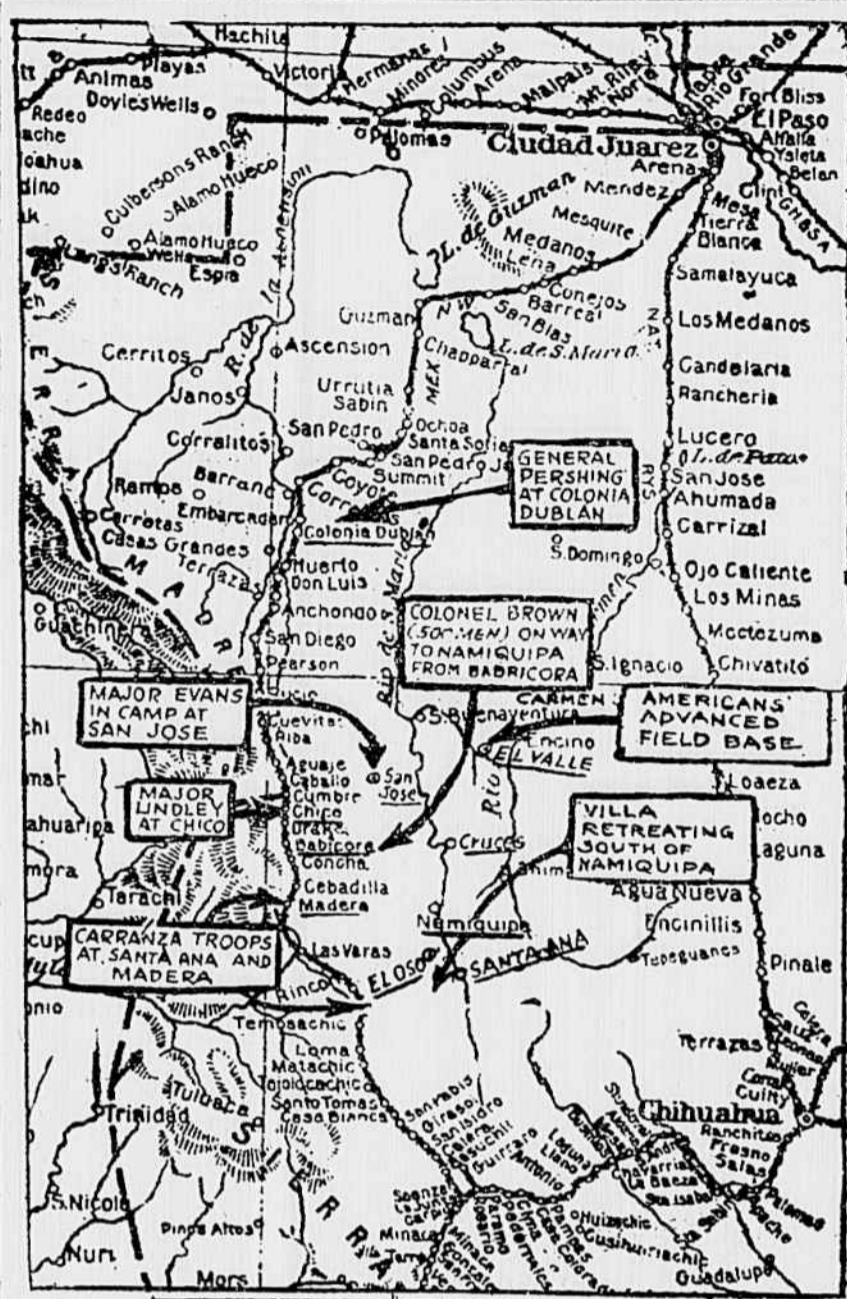
"In the district northeast and east
of Vermelles we were successful in
mining fighting, and took some
prisoners."

"Farther south, near La Boisselle,
northeast of Albert, some weakened
English detachments attempted to ad-
vance against our positions. They
were prevented by our fire."

"During the past few days the British
again shelled the town of Lens."

"In the Argonne and in the region of
the Meuse artillery and other firing
diminished only temporarily."

"Eastern theater: The Russians yes-
terday renewed their attack with vio-
lence against the front occupied by the
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DISPOSITION OF FORCES IN MEXICO.

THOMAS J. PENCE DEAD; TO BE BURIED IN RALEIGH

Was Secretary of Democratic Na-
tional Committee and One of
"Original Wilson Men."

CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT

After Last Election Was Offered
Several Important Government
Posts, but Declined Them All.
Chief Executive Pays Tribute.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Thomas J.
Pence, secretary of the Democratic Na-
tional Committee, who died here early
today, after a long illness, will be
buried to-morrow at Raleigh, N. C.,
his birthplace. The body, escorted by
a notable party of friends and assist-
ants of Mr. Pence, was taken to Raleigh
to-night at 9 o'clock over the Seaboard
Air Line Railway.

President Wilson and many members
of Congress and government officials
called at his home to-day. The Presi-
dent, as well as all other figures in
public life with whom Mr. Pence was
thrown in his work, was numbered
among his personal friends.

Governor Craig, of North Carolina;
Secretary of the Navy, Daniels; Sen-
ators James, of Kentucky, and Hughes,
of New Jersey; Secretary Tumulty, Dr.
Cary T. Grayson, the President's per-
sonal physician; Otto Carmichael, R. V.
Oulahan, Washington bureau, New York
Times; Luis Seligson, New York World;
James I. Johnson, Mayor of Raleigh;
J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State,
and B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, were
among the honorary pallbearers se-
lected.

The active pallbearers will be Raleigh
friends of Mr. Pence, these being W.
H. Bagley, Edward E. Britton, Walters
Durham, James McKee, Henry Bates,
Raleigh Galloway, C. B. Barbee, W. G.
Briggs and Edgar Haywood.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mr. Pence died of pneumonia, after
an illness of several weeks. For some
time he was in the Emergency Hos-
pital under the care of Dr. Grayson,
but recently was moved to his apart-
ments. President Wilson, who held
Mr. Pence in high esteem, caused
everything possible to be done for him,
and other high administration officials
cheered him throughout his illness.

Mr. Pence probably had as extensive
acquaintance among Democratic po-
liticalians throughout the country as
any man who ever occupied an official
position with the national committee.
He was one of the "original Wilson
men," and after the last election was
offered several important government
posts. He declined them all, however,
and became assistant to the chairman
of the national committee, in charge
of permanent headquarters here. At
the meeting of the national committee
here last December, Mr. Pence was
chosen its secretary.

Mr. Pence was a friend of President
Wilson, and was the daily companion
of his secretary, J. P. Tumulty, and of
several prominent administration Sen-
ators. For many years he was Wash-
ington correspondent of the Raleigh
(N. C.) News and Observer, which is
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AMERICAN PASSENGERS ON SUSSEX ALL SAVED

Several Seriously Injured, However,
but Believed They Will
Recover.

SURVIVORS MAKE AFFIDAVITS

Declare Their Belief That Steamer
Was Torpedoed by Submarine, but
None Saw Wake of Boat, Basing
Statements on Officers' Stories.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, March 27.—All American pas-
sengers aboard the steamship Sussex,
blown up in the English Channel, are
safe, according to an official announce-
ment made to-day by the American
embassy here.

Several of the Americans, however,
suffered serious injuries in the disas-
ter, but it is thought that all will
recover.

All of the Americans were accounted
for when Professor and Mrs. James
Mark Baldwin were located in Wim-
boreux, near Boulogne. Their daugh-
ter, Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, was se-
riously injured, and is now in a hos-
pital in the same place.

Announcement was made this after-
noon that George Crocker, of Fitch-
burg, Mass., is the most seriously in-
jured of the Americans. His skull was
fractured by a falling mast, and al-
though his condition is extremely criti-
cal, it is thought that he will recover.
He is in a hospital at Dover.

MISS BARNES ALSO

FOUND SAFE IN PARIS

Miss Gertrude Barnes, of New York,
also was found safe in Paris to-day.

Among the others reported as miss-
ing, who were found to-day, are Mrs.
C. A. Fennell, of New York; W. C. Pen-
field, who is in the same hospital in
Dover with Mr. Crocker; and J. D.
Armitage.

Mr. Penfield is suffering
from a broken thigh and severe
bruises, and Mr. Armitage is suffering
from bruises and shock.

More than half a dozen of the Ameri-
can survivors submitted affidavits to-
day to Ambassador Page, declaring
their belief that the Sussex was tor-
pedoed by a submarine. None saw the
wake of a torpedo or a U-boat, but
based their statements on stories re-
lated by the officers of the Sussex.

So far as is known, there are now
ninety-seven persons known to be
missing aboard the Sussex still missing.
It also is reported that several of the
French and English victims in hos-
pitals here, in Boulogne and Dover
died from their wounds.

GIVE GREAT PRAISE
TO YOUNG FRENCH OFFICER

All recitals of the disaster give great
praise to a young French naval offi-
cer, who walked up and down the deck
of the Sussex assuring passengers that
the vessel would not sink. He per-
suaded many persons against jump-
ing into the sea. The survivors agree that
the Americans showed great self-pos-
session, in many cases sacrificing their
own chances in favor of women and
children. Apparently the disaster
would have been complete had not the
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BERLIN ANXIOUS TO SATISFY U. S. IN LATEST ISSUE

Wilson Awaiting With Deep
Concern Receipt of Com-
plete Evidence.

ENTIRE QUESTION MAY BE
LAID BEFORE CONGRESS

Situation Probably Will Be Fully
Discussed at Cabinet Meet-
ing To-Day.

OFFICIALS ADMIT GRAVITY

Outcome May Depend on Whether
This Government Will Accept
Teutonic Declaration.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—With all
evidence indicating that the British
channel steamer Sussex, carrying
American citizens, was the victim of
a torpedo, it was stated authorita-
tively here to-day that if a German
submarine made the attack the im-
perial government would disavow the
act, punish the submarine commander,
offer reparation, and satisfy the United
States that the act was in violation of
instructions. Thus it seemed to-night
that the issue might narrow down to
the question of whether the United
States would be willing to accept such
a declaration from the Berlin govern-
ment.

President Wilson is awaiting with
deep concern the receipt of complete
evidence, not only in regard to the Sus-
sex, aboard which several Americans
narrowly escaped death; but as to the
sinking of the British steamship Eng-
lishman. One American life is said in
the latest reports to have been lost
when the Englishman went down.

Already, it was intimated at the
State Department, the United States
has information sufficient to warrant
an inquiry of the German government
as to whether any of its submarines
fired a torpedo at the Sussex or the
Englishman.

The President, however, holds that
all the details available should be in
hand before definite action is taken.
He described the situation to call-
ers as being grave, but said no decisive
step would be taken pending the re-
ceipt of the additional facts.

QUESTION BEFORE CONGRESS

It is known that the President is
seriously considering laying the entire
question of submarine warfare before
Congress. Certainly he will commu-
nicate the situation fully to Congress
before taking steps which might lead
to the severance of diplomatic rela-
tions. The situation probably will be
fully discussed at the Cabinet meet-
ing to-morrow.

Official expression of the attitude
of the administration was avoided to-
day, but high officials made no attempt
to minimize the gravity of the situa-
tion which will confront the United
States if it is established conclusively
that a German submarine sunk the
Sussex, an unarmed passenger-carry-
ing vessel, in violation of the rights
of humanity, the principles of inter-
national law, and the solemn assur-
ances regarding the conduct of sub-
marine warfare which have been given
to the United States by the Central
European powers.

President Wilson was in constant
communication with Secretary Lansing
during the day, and all reports from
consular and diplomatic representatives
were sent immediately to the White
House. Among the President's callers
was Chairman Stone, of the Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations.

BERNSTORFF EXPECTED
BACK AT CAPITAL TO-DAY

Ambassador Bernstorff is expected to
return to the capital to-morrow, after
an absence of several days. He prob-
ably will communicate with Secre-
tary Lansing soon after his arrival.

It was stated authoritatively that
Von Bernstorff was mainly responsible
for the recent retirement of Grand
Admiral von Tirpitz, who is understood
to have been eliminated because of his
views on submarine warfare after
Count von Bernstorff had made certain
recommendations to the Imperial Chan-
cellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The ambassador was advised that
Admiral Tirpitz proposed to conduct a
relentless submarine campaign against
all shipping to British ports, and was
asked what, in his opinion, would be
the effect of such a campaign upon
neutral nations, particularly the United
States.

The ambassador's reply is said to
have been an important factor in the
retirement of the admiral.

Knowing these facts and the atti-
tude of the German government, Teu-
tonic officials are certain that if a sub-
marine was concerned in the Sussex
disaster the imperial government will
do everything in its power to satisfy
the United States.

It was made clear, however, that the
German embassy believes a mine dam-
aged the channel steamer.